GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL LIBRARY CALCUTTA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the provisions of Public libraries Act, 1954 a publisher is required to send one copy of books published in India to the Directors of Libraries.

(b) If so, whether the National Library, Calcutta has failed to receive books worth Rs. 29.35 lakhs and foreign magazines worth Rs. 8.36 lakh due to not applying the provisions of Public Libraries Act, 1954; and

(c) If so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Under the Delivery of Books and Newspapers Public Libraries Act, 1954 (not Public Libraries Act, 1954) the national Library along with three other public libraries in Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai is entitled to receive a copy of every publication brought out in any language anywhere in the country.

(b) It is not possible to make any estimate in monetary terms of books periodicals, etc. not being received by the National Library. Foreign magazines are not entitled to be received by the National Library under the above mentioned Act.

(c) Does not arise.